

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Order No. 89-17

Entered June 5, 1989

AMENDED DIVISION OF WORK ORDER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1989

Adjustments to the Work Distribution Order of January 5, 1989 are necessary due to the appointment of Judge Melinda F. Harmon.

Pursuant to Section 147 of Title 28 of United States Code Annotated, effective June 7, 1989, all cases, proceedings and matters will be assigned to the several Judges of this Court as follows:

ITEM ONE:     Chief Judge James DeAnda

1.     Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
2.     Seven and forty-eight one hundredths percent (7.48%) of all criminal cases filed at the Houston Division.
3.     Seven and forty-eight one hundredths percent (7.48%) of all civil cases filed at the Houston Division.
4.     All matters and proceedings pertaining to wages, effects, etc. of deceased or missing seamen.
5.     Liaison Judge for the Office of the Clerk and the Staff Law Clerk.
6.     All naturalization hearings at the Houston Division (subject to reassignment as the need arises).
7.     Management of the prisoner civil rights hearing docket.
8.     Ex officio member of all liaison functions.

ITEM TWO:     Judge Norman W. Black

1.     Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
2.     Fifteen and forty-two one hundredths percent (15.42%) of all criminal cases filed at the Houston Division.
3.     Fifteen and forty-two one hundredths percent (15.42%) of all civil cases filed at the Houston Division.
4.     Liaison Judge for the Probation Office, Pretrial Service Agency and the Attorney Admission Program, including organizing and being in charge of the workshops to be conducted in Houston and to work with the other divisional judges in the workshops in those divisions.
5.     Liaison Judge to work with Victor Lallier on the Judges'

Portraits Program.

6. Miscellaneous Docket for the month of April and October 1989 at the Houston Division (to be transferred to the next appointed judge).

ITEM THREE:    Judge George P. Kazen

1.    Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
2.    All cases and proceedings at the Laredo Division.
3.    All civil cases and proceedings at the Victoria Division.
4.    Liaison Judge for the Laredo Division and the Victoria Division.

ITEM FOUR:    Judge Hugh Gibson

1.    Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
2.    All cases and proceedings at the Galveston Division.
3.    Liaison Judge for the Galveston Division.

ITEM FIVE:    Judge Filemon B. Vela

1.    Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
2.    All cases and proceedings at the Brownsville Division.
3.    Liaison Judge for the Brownsville Division.

ITEM SIX:    Judge Hayden W. Head, Jr.

1.    Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
2.    All cases and proceedings at the Corpus Christi Division.
3.    Liaison Judge for the Corpus Christi Division.
4.    All criminal cases at the Victoria Division.

ITEM SEVEN: Judge Ricardo H. Hinojosa

1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
2. All cases and proceedings at the McAllen Division.
3. Liaison Judge for the McAllen Division.

ITEM EIGHT: Judge Lynn N. Hughes

1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
2. Fifteen and forty-two one hundredths percent (15.42%) of all criminal cases filed at the Houston Division.
3. Fifteen and forty-two one hundredths percent (15.42%) of all civil cases filed at the Houston Division.
4. All asbestosis cases in the Houston Division.
5. Liaison Judge for the United States Attorney and the United States Bankruptcy Court.
6. Miscellaneous Docket for the month of February and August 1989 at the Houston Division (to be replaced by the second next judge assigned to the Houston Division).

ITEM NINE: Judge David Hittner

1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
2. Fifteen and forty-two one hundredths percent (15.42%) of all criminal cases filed at the Houston Division.

3. Fifteen and forty-two one hundredths percent (15.42%) of all civil cases filed at the Houston Division.
4. Chairman of the committee preparing the history of the Southern District of Texas.
5. Liaison Judge for the Central Library and Court Reporters.
6. Miscellaneous Docket for the month of March and September 1989 at the Houston Division.

ITEM TEN: Judge Kenneth M. Hoyt

1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.

2. Fifteen and forty-two one hundredths percent (15.42%) of all criminal cases filed at the Houston Division.
3. Fifteen and forty-two one hundredths percent (15.42%) of all civil cases filed at the Houston Division.
4. Liaison Judge for the Federal Public Defender and the United States Marshal. Chairman for the CJA Panel Selection Committee and Liaison Judge for the Houston Division Plan for the Composition, Administration and Management of the Panel of Private Attorneys under the Criminal Justice Act.
5. Miscellaneous Docket for the month of May and December 1989 at the Houston Division.

ITEM ELEVEN: Judge Sim Lake

1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
2. Fifteen and forty-two one hundredths percent (15.42%) of all criminal cases filed at the Houston Division.
3. Fifteen and forty-two one hundredths percent (15.42%) of all civil cases filed at the Houston Division.
4. Liaison Judge for the United States Magistrates.
5. Miscellaneous Docket for the month of January and June 1989 at the Houston Division.

ITEM TWELVE: Judge Melinda F. Harmon

1. Retention of all cases presently on her docket.
2. Fifteen and forty-two one hundredths percent (15.42%) of all criminal cases filed at the Houston Division.
3. Fifteen and forty-two one hundredths percent (15.42%) of all civil cases filed at the Houston Division.
4. Miscellaneous Docket for the month of July and November 1989 at the Houston Division.

ITEM THIRTEEN: Judge John V. Singleton (Senior Judge)

1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
2. Chairman of the Houston Division of the Federal Court Advisory Council.

3. Judge Singleton may also assist any other Judge in the Houston Division. Judge Singleton has chosen not to preside over any criminal cases other than those presently on his docket.

ITEM FOURTEEN: Judge Woodrow Seals (Senior Judge)

1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
2. All government collection cases filed at the Houston Division.
3. Handling all attorney disciplinary proceedings at the Houston Division.
4. Judge Seals may also assist any other Judge in the Houston Division.

ITEM FIFTEEN: All Judges

1. In all cases in which a judge is disqualified, or in which he recuses himself, a Recusal Order shall be signed and forwarded to the Clerk for random selection of another judge to hear the matter.

2. Emergency applications for restraining orders, preliminary or temporary injunctions, and similar emergency matters in any case should be referred to the judge in whose court such matter is filed. In the event such judge is not available and by reason of the emergency nature of the matter, prompt action is required, the matter will be referred to the judge handling the Miscellaneous Docket at that time.
3. The foregoing arrangement does not deprive any judge of this district of jurisdiction of any case or matter or proceeding, but is made to expedite the trial and disposition of cases, and any judge may handle other matters for any other judge by mutual consent.
4. The Miscellaneous Docket in the Houston Division shall consist of those matters which may arise prior to a civil action, an indictment, criminal information, or other proceeding being filed and assigned to a particular judge under the other provisions of this order. The Judge handling the Miscellaneous Docket will receive motions, grant immunity to a witness in an appropriate case, pass on in forma pauperis applications in matters not previously assigned to a judge, etc.
5. The monthly assignment of Miscellaneous Docket duties does not

deprive mutually consenting judges from exchanging the elective assignments by notifying the Clerk that an exchange is being made.

ITEM SIXTEEN: Miscellaneous

1. The Judge handling the Miscellaneous Docket shall summon and empanel all grand and petit juries at the Houston Division. The judge will summon and have available for the use of the other judges at the Houston Division, a petit jury weekly during the calender year of 1989.
2. The liaison judges will handle day-to-day matters. Any matters involving court policies will first be discussed with the Chief Judge. If it is a policy that must be resolved immediately, the Chief Judge and the liaison judge jointly will make the decision. If it is a policy matter that can await the meeting of the entire court, it will be decided at the first such meeting.

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3. The special fund will be administered by a committee appointed by the Chief Judge, consisting of Judge DeAnda as Chairman, Judge Black, Judge Head and Judge Hittner-
4. The time and place of meetings of the full court will be determined by the Chief Judge. It is contemplated that three meetings of the full court will be held each year. Special meetings of the full court and of the judges in the Houston Division will be called by the Chief Judge when necessary.

ITEM SEVENTEEN: Assignment of Magistrates to District Judges

Chief United States District Judge James DeAnda _____ and U.S. District Judge Norman W. Black	U. S. Magistrate Calvin Botley
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U.S. District Judge Lynn N. Hughes _____ and U.S. District Judge David Hittner	U. S. Magistrate George A. Kelt
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U.S. District Judge Kenneth M. Hoyt _____ and U.S. District Judge	U. S. Magistrate Karen K. Brown
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Sim Lake

U.S. District Judge

Melinda F. Harmon \_\_\_\_\_ U. S. Magistrate  
and H. Lingo Platter

U.S. District Judge

John V. Singleton,

and

U.S. District Judge

Woodrow Seals,

and

U.S. District Judge

Hugh Gibson (prisoner litigation only)

Entered at Houston, Texas, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1989.

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James DeAnda, Chief  
United States District Judge